GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PRICING POLICY ON FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether new pricing policy on fertilizers have adversely affected the domestic fertilizer producing units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of fertilizer producers of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c) : A new pricing policy for urea units is still under consideration of the Government. The proposed new policy will aim at bringing in greater rationalisation and transparency in subsidy payments to urea manufacturers. Besides, it will induce manufacturers to take cost reduction measures on their own and be competitive.